

1 SENATE BILL 271

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS; PROVIDING CRIMINAL
12 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS
13 ACT.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Inspection of Public
17 Records Act is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] CRIMINAL PENALTIES.--

19 A. A person who knowingly and in bad faith
20 withholds public records subject to inspection pursuant to the
21 Inspection of Public Records Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and
22 upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than
23 five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense.

24 B. A person who knowingly and willfully destroys
25 public records in order to circumvent a request for records

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1 pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act is guilty of a
2 fourth degree felony and shall be punished in accordance with
3 the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978."

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